GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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PROBLEMS BEING FACED BY ONION GROWERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a severe price crash, distress sale of onion leading to huge losses to the onion growers of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, whether some onion growers/farmers have requested the Union Government for Market Intervention Scheme (MIS);

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): In January, 2003, the Government of Maharashtra reported a decline in prices of onion and consequent distress sale by farmers.

(b)&(c): The Government of Maharashtra requested the Government of India for purchase of 5lakh M. Tonnes of onion at the rate of Rs.350/- per quintal under the Market Intervention Scheme.

(d): The Government of India has asked the Government of Maharashtra to submit a detailedproposal as per the guidelines of the Market Intervention Scheme (MIS). The Government of Maharashtra has, so far, not submitted any proposal.